

Fighting Christians Loom As Strong Contender In North State Conference Titular Battle



The Elon College football squad, which now shows an even break in its first two games of the 1958 campaign, looms as a strong contender in the North State Conference titular battle. The squad, which turned back Guilford 14 to 7 and then lost a heart-breaker to Wofford by a 22 to 16 count, goes to Boone this weekend to take on the Appalachian Mountaineers. The Elon players, pictured left to right above, are as follows: FRONT ROW — Darrell Ritchie, tackle; Bob McLean, halfback; Ronnie Droze, halfback; Jim McClure, guard; Nick DiSibio, halfback; Harry Faust, fullback; Joe DelGais, halfback; Bob Ruggeri, center; Benny Jones, halfback; Charlie Bosquet, center; Dean Yates, end; and Don Miller, end. SECOND ROW — Tom Marlowe, tackle; Jim Short, halfback; Jimmy Humphrey, halfback; Morris DeMatteo, guard; Murphy Taylor, quarterback; Charlie Maidon, quarterback; Paul Brutch, end; J. B. Vaughn, tackle; Jack Hunter, guard; Charles Rayburn, tackle; Tony Markosky, fullback; Carlton Grove, center; Tunner Brusky, end; Harold Austin, end; Martin Oliver, halfback; and Bob Hendricks, guard. BACK ROW — William Farris, tackle; Donald Willetts, halfback; Gilbert Chilton, guard; Horace Pops, fullback; Bob Overton, fullback; John Koenig, end; Ervin Poteat, guard; Luke Malloy, end; Tony Carcatera, end; Richard McCutcheon, tackle; Don Szydliek, tackle; W. B. Simpson, fullback; Mickey Walker, quarterback; Buddy Massey, tackle; and George Lea, tackle.

Wofford Terriers Win 22-16 Over Christians

Striking through the air with all the power of the German blitz of World War II days, the Wofford Terriers bombed the Elon aerial defenses for a 22 to 16 victory in Burlington Stadium last Saturday night. Leading this devastating Wofford bombardment was a pair of All-American aces who could not seem to miss. Quarterback Charlie Bradshaw and end Jerry Richardson, both of whom gained Little All-American ranking for the invading Terriers last year, teamed on a pair of gridiron "homerun" passes for 56 and 61 yards as the Wofford eleven broke an eight-game winning streak for the Elon eleven. The Christians had closed their 1956 season with a victory, added six straight wins in an undefeated 1957 campaign and then topped Guilford in the 1958 opener.

The Elon gridgers dominated the first half of the Saturday night game at the stadium, showing power on both offense and defense through the first two periods and going to the dressing rooms at half-time with a 16 to 14 advantage.

The Christians threatened in the first two minutes. After recovering a Wofford fumble, they drove to the three, but Bob McLean fumbled as he crossed the goal line to halt the threat. Moments later, however, the maroon-Jerseyed outfit scored as Charlie Rayburn blocked a Terrier punt, and J. B. Vaughn scooped the ball

for a 20-yard dash for a TD. Maidon on a keeper tallied two points for an 8-0 Elon lead.

The Wofford outfit tied the count midway the second quarter when

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Wofford
16	15
185	119
16	10
169	109
10	17
5	11
60	223
229	332
2	1
4	0
3	4
22.0	32.0
114	57
3	1
45	69

Score By Periods:
Elon 8 8 0 0—16
Wofford 0 14 0 8—22

Elon Touchdowns — Vaughn (20-run with blocked punt), Maidon (1-run). Extra Points — Maidon 4 (two 2-pointers from scrimmage). Wofford Touchdowns — J. Richardson 3 (56-pass, 61-pass), D. Richardson (12-run). Extra Points — J. Richardson (one 2-pointer on pass), Martin (one 2-pointer on pass).

Charlie Bradshaw passed to Jerry Richardson for a 56-yard scoring thrust, which was followed by a pass from Joe Stickle to Richardson for the two-pointer.

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Watts Is All-American

Gilbert Watts, Elon College pitcher and outfielder, who won both All-Conference and All-State honors while leading the Christian baseballers to their second straight North State Conference title last spring, grabbed off All-American rating when he was named to the All-NAIA team at the close of the National NAIA Baseball Tournament at Alpine, Texas, early in June.

The Christians trekked out to Texas the week after school closed for the national diamond tourney and defeated Indiana State 10 to 8 in the first-round play. Trailing 8 to 1 in the seventh frame of the opener, the Elon outfit shoved over nine runs in a big seventh to take the win. Watts started on the mound in that game, but he gave way in the sixth to Jack Henderson, who was the winning pitcher. Watts had three hits and Bobby Sharpe and Pete Jones two each to lead Elon's attack.

In a second-round battle the next day Elon dropped two games, losing to San Diego State 11 to 1 in a six-inning battle in the second round of title play. Arthur Thompson and Jack Henderson splitting mound duty in the game,

which saw Elon get only four hits. That same day the Christians suffered their second defeat of the double-elimination tourney at the hands of Indiana State, losing a 12 to 6 decision, with Gary Henson, Sam Simmons and Karl Knapp dividing pitching duty.

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PITCHER HONORED



GILBERT WATTS



Calling The Sports Shots

By JIMMY ELDER

Even with the young football season barely two weeks old, the battle for the crown in the North State Conference grid race has already begun to shape into a three-team contest, with a perennially powerful triumvirate of teams—defending champion Lenoir Rhyne, strong and talented Catawba and our own power-driving Elon Christians—looming as the chief threats for the title.

Of course one cannot discount the threats posed by Appalachian, Western Carolina, East Carolina and Guilford, but those teams on the basis of early games would have to be rated as dark horse contenders. It is true that Elon and Lenoir Rhyne have lost games to strong teams from Wofford and Presbyterian, but those were non-loop contests and will not count in the Conference competition.

Coach Clarence Stasavich's highly regarded Bears, defending the conference championship which they were awarded last year after losing to Elon, proved their power when they struck down by a 20 to 0 count the Wofford Terriers who turned back the Elon team with a tremendous passing show on the local field last weekend.

The power of the Bears' defense was shown by the fact that they limited Wofford's great Little All-America passing combination of Charlie Bradshaw to Jerry Richardson to 27 yards. That defense became more impressive in view of the fact that Wofford's aerial circus hit Elon with a 223-yard barrage last week. While stymieing the Wofford aerial game, the Bears put on an impressive attack that netted over 300 yards, with tailback Bill Ackard leading the way. True Lenoir Rhyne lost to Presbyterian last week, but it could be another fine year for the single-wing powerhouse from Hickory.

The Catawba Indians have already pulled two surprises by defeating Coach Bill Dole's Davidson Wildcats in their opener and then turning back the Newberry team that had previously defeat-

ed The Citadel. Coach Dole had called his Wildcats his finest team and a contender for the Southern Conference crown, but Coach Clyde Biggers' Catawba line proved a decisive factor in the win over Davidson. That Catawba forward wall is a big reason why the other North State Conference teams cannot regard the Indians lightly. The fact that the Indians have been a stiff contender in recent years, although always falling short, may give impetus to the Catawba bid for the championship.

Coach Sid Varney's charges took the upper hand over Guilford 14 to 7 in their opener at Greensboro and grabbed high rank in the national NAIA statistics for the first week of the season, but not before the Quakers had given Elon supporters a scare by leading at half-time by a 7-0 count. The Christians were impressive with 362 yards total offense to a mere 92 yards for the Quakers.

The Christians showed flashes of brilliance in that game that was reminiscent of last year's undefeated eleven. The line was spearheaded by J. B. Vaughn, candidate for Little All-America honors, ably assisted by Bob Hendricks, Jim McClure and Tony Carcatera. The backfield was also impressive under quarterback Charlie Maidon's guidance, with the running of Bob McLean Jones.

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Elon Football

- Elon 14, Guilford 7.
- Elon 16, Wofford 22.
- (Remaining Games)
- Oct. 4 — Appalachian, away.
- Oct. 11 — East Carolina, home.
- Oct. 18 — Presbyterian, away.
- Oct. 25 — Catawba, home.
- Nov. 1 — West Carolina, away.
- Nov. 8 — Newberry, home.
- Nov. 15 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.

Blackstone And Cunningham Win Summer Tennis

Dr. W. T. Blackstone, member of the Elon faculty last year and during the second summer term won the singles championship and paired with Dr. H. H. Cunningham to clinch the doubles title in Elon's annual summer school tennis tournament, which was held in August under the sponsorship of the dean's office.

Dr. Blackstone defeated Jack Kester, varsity netter of last spring, in the finals of the singles by scores of 6-3, 6-3. They had moved into the finals with wins over Dr. Cunningham and Leslie Johnston, who captained the varsity netters two years ago.

The Blackstone - Cunningham pair had to go three sets to turn back Dr. Robert Benson and Leslie Johnston in the doubles finals, winning by scores of 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

Dunlap New Grid Coach

Newest addition to the Elon College coaching staff this year is Coach Robert E. "Bob" Dunlap, a former Christian football star who hails from Pelzer, S. C. He is also serving as instructor in the Department of Physical Education.

Coach Dunlap, who starred in all three major sports while in high school at Pelzer, attended Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C., for two years, during which he played both football and baseball for the Blue Stocking teams.

He transferred to Elon College after Coach Sid Varney became the Christian head coach and sat out one year for eligibility, after which he played guard for the Christians during 1955 season. He graduated from Elon that year and then moved on to the University of North Carolina, where he received the Master's Degree in Education this spring.

Dunlap interrupted his graduate study at Carolina for a period of active duty in the Army and for one year of service as physical education instructor and member of the coaching staff at McClenaghan High in Florence, S. C. At Florence he was line coach of football and head coach of track. He also was instructor of service

Elon Tramples Guilford 14-7 In Opening Battle

Powering for two second-half touchdowns, the Elon Christians topped the best efforts of last year's undefeated grid squad in defeating the Guilford Quakers 14 to 7 in the opening game of

Elon	Guilford
16	7
299	64
2	42
297	22
10	9
5	70
65	92
362	92
1	27
19	97
4	7
32.8	30.6
84	73
3	6
90	35

Score By Periods:
Elon 0 0 14 0—14
Guilford 0 7 0 0—7

Elon Touchdowns — McLean (1-run), Faust (12-run). Extra Points — Maidon (2-pointer from scrimmage). Guilford Touchdown — Baker (85, pass interception). Extra Point — Parker (1-pointer by kick).

The 1958 campaign at Greensboro's Senior High Stadium on Saturday night, September 20th, setting the new campaign off to a

winning start and gaining an early lead in the North State Conference race. The Christians had to come from behind a 7-0 half-time deficit to win, but they flashed strength and class as they roared from behind for two touchdowns and the 14-7 victory, posting a total of 362 yards on total offense against a scant 92 yards for the home-standing Quakers.

NEW ELON COACH



COACH BOB DUNLAP

Paced by the great running of halfbacks Bob McLean and Joe DelGais and fullback Harry Faust, the Christians rolled for 297 yards net rushing while the Elon defense held Guilford to a bare 22 yards on the ground. The Quakers held a slight edge in passing, but the overall performance was good enough to rate Elon second in America in rushing defense, fifth in the nation in total defense, eleventh in rushing and thirteenth in total offense.

The lone Guilford score came when Brodie Baker, sophomore quarterback, intercepted an Elon pass and raced 85 yards for a second-period touchdown. Guilford kicked good for the point, but that was the only Quaker scores. The Elon defense halted the only other Quaker threat on the five.

The Christians came back strong after the half-time intermission and roared for two touchdowns within nine minutes. The Christians marched from midfield for the first score, with DelGais, McLean and Faust powering for long gains to the Guilford one, and Bob McLean smacked into pay dirt for the TD. Charlie Maidon kept for the two-pointer that put Elon ahead 8 to 7.

Tony Markosky, another of Elon's great backs from Mahanoy City, Pa., returned a punt for 29 yards to set off the Christians' second touchdown march. It was DelGais, Maidon and DelGais again to the Quaker twelve, and Harry Faust rammed through from twelve yards out for the score. An attempted pass for extra points failed, but Elon was out front for keeps at 14 to 7.

No less than six backs shared in the assault on the Quaker defenses, with Tony Markosky and Jimmy Humphrey joining the four starters in rolling for record yardage against the Quakers; and Christian forwards J. B. Vaughn, Bob Hendricks, Jim McClure and Tony Carcatera shared top honors in the Elon forward wall. Ninety yards of penalties, including three 15-yarders in a row, failed to halt the Elon assault.

The Elon yardage marks in this opening game were good enough to surpass the best marks by last year's undefeated Christian eleven. The Christian total offense of 362 yards topped last year's record of 340 yards against Presbyterian, and the rushing mark of

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